

CLASS ACTION JURISDICTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3789, Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1998. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, and provides that each section will be considered as read. The rule provides priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduces the voting time to five minutes, providing that the minimum time for voting on the first in any series of votes is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bryant, Coble, Frank of Massachusetts and Jackson-Lee.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4272, making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 providing ninety minutes of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may only be offered by the Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook and Greenwood.

OVERSIGHT—NASA AT 40

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on NASA at 40: What kind of space program does America need for the 21st century? Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of H.R. 3694, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and recessed subject to call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on ballistic missile defense programs, policies, and related issues, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine post elections and United States policy options with regard to Cambodia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of C. Donald Johnson, Jr., of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator, 11 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on the nominations of John U. Sepulveda, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Joseph Swerdzewski, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of international antitrust enforcement activities, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine general government emergency services' preparedness for Year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Energy Security: What Will The New Millennium Bring? 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The Medicare Choice Program After One Year, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Imported Drugs: U.S.-EU (European Union) Mutual Recognition Agreement on Drug Inspections, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider Contempt of Congress on the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for failure to comply with Subpoena, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Compliance Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Combating Terrorism: The Status of the Defense Department Domestic Preparedness Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to consider the following: a measure to increase rewards offered for the arrest of terrorist and narcotics traffickers and to offer rewards for Yugoslav war criminals; H.R. 4655, Iraq Liberation Act of 1998; H.R. 4506, International Child Labor Relief Act of 1998; H. Res. 523, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassies in East Africa; H. Con. Res. 295, expressing the sense of Congress that the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of the government of the former Soviet Union's repressive

policies toward the Ukrainian people; H. Con. Res. 309, condemning the forced abduction of Ugandan children and their use as soldiers; H. Con. Res. 320, supporting the Baltic people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and condemning the Nazi-Soviet Pact of Non-Agression of August 23, 1939; a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the inadequacy of sewage infrastructure facilities in Tijuana, Mexico; H. Res. 518, calling for free and transparent elections in Gabon; H. Res. 533, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the culpability of Hun Sen for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Cambodia (the former Kampuchea, and the State of Cambodia); a resolution concerning properties wrongfully expropriated by formerly totalitarian countries; and H. Res. 557, expressing support for U.S. efforts to identify Holocaust-era assets, urging the restitution of individual and communal property, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on POW/MIA oversight, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on Here Comes La Nina: What to Expect from the Weather in the Winter of 1998–99, 10 a.m., 2328 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to continue to receive briefings on pending business, 8 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.